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1. A method of controlling use of copying software on a computer, wherein the computer includes a hardware ID ("HWID"), the method comprising:
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- accessing a hard-coded identifier within the copying software when the copying software is launched;
- accessing the HWID of the computer;
- comparing the HWID with the hard-coded identifier; and
- proceeding to a copying function only if the HWID and the hard-coded identifier match.
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2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
- obtaining the HWID from the computer; and
- hard-coding the copying software with the obtained HWID.
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3. The method of claim 1 wherein the copying software is programmed with a password, the method further comprising:
- receiving a password from a user of the copying software;
- and
- proceeding to a copying function only if the received
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- password matches the programmed password.